GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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NAXAL ACTIVITIES
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has held discussions with the Chief Ministers of some States in view of activities of Naxalities in their States, particularly in the Northern part of the country ;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of such organization s active in various States, particularly in the Northeren States;

(d) whether the Government is formulating any scheme to check the activities of the Naxals, especially in the Northern States; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL)

(a) to (e): The Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement in reply to PARTS (a) TO (e)OF Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 301 for 20.3.2007 regarding "Naxal Activities."

(a) to (e): The Standing Committee of Chief Ministers of the Naxal affected States has been set up to provide focussed attention to the problem of naxalism existing in certain parts of the country.The first meeting held in September, 2005 was chaired by Union Home Minister and the 2nd meeting held in April, 2006 was chaired by the Prime Minister.These meetings were attended by Chief Ministers of all naxal affected States.In February, 2007, Chief Ministers of certain naxal affected States were also invited to the meeting of Empowered Group of Ministers under the Chairmanship of Union Home Minister.

The decisions taken in these meetings included preparation of comprehensive time bound action plans by the State on both security and developmental fronts; strengthening and upgrading State Police as also Intelligence network; raising India Reserve Battalions from the naxal affected areas; Putting in place Inter-State Joint Task Forces to facilitate coordinated and synergized anti-naxalite operations across the State; air support for evacuation of casualties and transportation of police personnel in special circumstances and use of armoured vehicles.

The States were asked to formulate effective surrender and rehabilitation policies to encourage surrenders among the naxal cadres; according a higher priority to effective implementation of land reforms including distribution of surplus land to the landless and the poor in the naxal areas; setting-up special and stable administrative structures at the State and district levels to ensure better governance and faster socio-economic development in the naxal affected areas; ensure effective and speedy implementation of the Panchayats (Extension to the Scheduled Areas) Act (PESA), 1996. The States agreed that funds being released by the Central Government under the Police Modernization and SRE and other developmental schemes would be made available in full to the State Home departments apart from ensuring their matching contribution as also these funds would be fully and meaningfully utilized.

A number of Left Wing extremist (LWE) organizations and their front organizations are active in various parts of the country.

Central Government has several schemes to assist the naxal affected States. Financial, technical and manpower related assistance is provided under these schemes to combat naxalism both on security and developmental fronts. Under these schemes, the Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB) is deployed to provide security on the Indo-Nepal border. 33 Battalions of CRPF are provided to the naxal affected States to augment the capability of State Police Forces. Besides this, in the last six years, assistance of over Rs. 4000 crores has been given to the naxal affected States towards upgradation of weaponry, communications and other infrastructure of State Police Forces. In addition, security related expenditure of over Rs. 200 Crore has been reimbursed to the State Government for strengthening of community policing, insurance of Police personnel and rehabilitation of surrendered naxals etc. For the development of the naxal affected areas, assistance of the order of nearly Rs. 1600 Crore has been provided under the Backward District Initiatives (BDI) component of Rashtriya Sam Vikas Yojna (RSVY).